

*5, General*~~CONFIDENTIAL~~12th February, 1960.COCOM Document 3715.01/6BCOORDINATING COMMITTEEMEMORANDUM BY THE FRENCH DELEGATIONONITEM 1501 - COMMUNICATIONS, NAVIGATION, DIRECTION FINDING  
AND RADAR EQUIPMENT

The French Delegation wish to inform the Committee that the competent French authorities have given further thorough study to the arguments adduced by the United Kingdom and United States Delegations on the 28th January in support of the new amendments to Item 1501 proposed by these two Delegations.

The French Delegation confirm that they are not able to accept the redefinition proposed by the United States Delegation as set out in paragraph 2 of COCOM Doc. No. 3715.01/4.

This redefinition would in effect involve a considerable relaxation of the restrictions laid down in sub-items (b) and (e) of Item 1501, as it appears in the lists now in force and contained in COCOM Doc. No. 4000:

It authorises the export of D.M.E. equipment (airborne and ground) under an administrative exceptions procedure.

It does away with the general proviso prohibiting the export of navigation equipment (airborne and ground) in use as standard equipment for less than two years.

The French Delegation would recall the restrictive stand they took up throughout the discussions on Item 1501 (paragraphs 16 and 37 of COCOM Doc. No. 3715.01/2 and paragraph 5 of COCOM Doc. No. 3715.01/3). Since the redefinition proposed by the United States Delegation would permit the export of D.M.E. equipment believed to be strategic and capable of being put to military use on the one hand, and on the other the export of equipment embodying recent technology, the French Delegation are unable to agree to this proposal. They would ask that sub-items 1501(b) and (e) remain as they appear at present in COCOM Doc. No. 4000.

The French Delegation regret that they are unable to agree to the redefinition proposed for sub-item 1501 (d)(5) by the United Kingdom Delegation.

This redefinition would in effect result in the unconditional release of ground direction finding equipment using either loop systems, or systems employing "a number of vertical aerials uniformly disposed around the circumference of a circle". In view of the general nature of the wording suggested, the French Delegation believe that this proposal might free strategic equipment still under development. This definition, which introduces no restrictive factor as regards frequency of use and minimum time for resolution of direction-finding bearings, runs the risk of covering automatic direction-finding systems used for ballistic missiles.

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